Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached two sheets of drawings include changes to FIGs. 1B and 4B. These two sheets, replace the two previously-filed sheets for FIGs. 1B and 4B respectively.

In FIG. 1B, a previously omitted reference numeral 150 has been added.

In FIG. 4B, reference numeral 439 has been replaced by 459 and vice versa, and moreover reference numeral 446 has been replaced by reference numeral 436.

Attachment: 2 Replacement Sheets + Cover sheet for attachment

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

All pending claims in the present application were allowed as per the Notice of Allowance dated October 6, 2005.

However the Examiner objected to the Drawings, and required certain changes as indicated in paragraph 1 in page 2 of the Notice of Allowability. The drawings have been amended as requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, approval of the attached drawings is respectfully requested.

Please note that all remaining drawings that were previously filed remain unchanged and copies are not supplied herewith, as they were previously submitted.

One of the changes requested by the Examiner in the drawings, namely reference numeral 439 in FIG. 4B was also used in the specification to refer to a stage, in paragraph [0083] in page 33, although as noted by the Examiner this reference numeral has been used elsewhere for the "probe beam". For this reason, the specification is amended as shown above to use another reference numeral 459, to refer to the stage.

These changes are believed to be directed to correction of trivial informalities which do not materially affect the allowability of the application. Moreover, this paper is timely submitted because it is being filed prior to issue fee payment. Applicant believes that no additional search or materially added work is required by the Office. Hence, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8203.

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Replacement Sheets of Drawings (FIGs. 1B and 4B)

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